


The BEE.



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MR. COOK'S REPORT.

It may be true that Superintendent Cook is distasteful to Dr. John R. Francis, a local trustee of the 7th school division; that he may find a better man to superintend our schools we do not doubt. Admitting all this, should a man be attacked as Dr. Francis has Mr. Cook, because there was some personal spleen to satisfy? The difference between Superintendent Cook's report and that of Mr. Powell's is that Mr. Powell has occupied 188 1/2 pages in his report to explain the condition of his schools, whereas, Mr. Cook has only taken 36 1/2 pages to tell about the colored schools, which he gives in a nutshell, so to speak. The BEE has been one of Mr. Cook's opposers and it has criticised him on the representation made by certain school officers, presuming that such information was authentic. We have since learned after careful investigation, that the opposition of these school officers is actuated by some personal differences between them and Mr. Cook of years standing. This paper will not lend its columns for such purposes nor will it remain silent to allow others to satisfy a personal spleen against any public official or private citizens. The BEE is here to oppose the enemy and point out to the people the great conspiracy that is on foot to throw our schools into the hands of the enemy. Every movement made by Dr. Francis while he has been on the school board has been to the detriment of our schools and to aid a few prejudiced white men on the board. There is danger ahead and we hereby warn the people to be on the watch. Every meeting that has been called by the citizens has been characterized by Dr. Francis as all "booth" and represented by irresponsible persons. A true authority has called this fool to loose his head.

Let there be a public meeting called at once and request Congress to abolish the board of school trustees and allow the people to elect them. We can not longer tolerate the tyrants' yoke, nor should the colored people longer permit themselves to be insulted by an irresponsible school officer. There is nothing the matter with Superintendent Cook's report. Mr. Cook starts out in his report by showing the number of colored schools, 176, and the number of pupils enrolled, 11,040, divided between the Norman, High, Grammar, and Primary schools. The whole number of teachers employed was 191, of whom 178 were females and 13 males. He showed the fluctuations in attendance of pupils, discipline, courses of study, the condition of the schools, and everything that is necessary for any intelligent body to judge. Very often ignoramus are placed in positions whose brains are too defective to judge what is necessary:

FREEDMEN'S HOSPITAL.

Our contemporary the DAILY PRESS said the following in its issue of February 12th:

"BARNES is not the first man who has complained of Dr. Purvis. Congress should appoint a committee to investigate the management of Freedmen's Hospital. We believe that it is rotten."

We don't know who Mr. Barnes is nor do we care, nor do we agree with the Press in what it says about the hospital. We have been opposed to Dr. Purvis for some time, not on account of any irregularities in the hospital or that he is an incompetent surgeon in charge, but for other reasons aside from the management of that institution.

The hospital is better conducted under Dr. Purvis than any other government institution in this country and the attendant physicians in the hospital, are all competent. On the information of several persons who had been sick at the hospital we took occasion to visit the institution and found everything there in the best of order and the fact was ascertained, from the parties themselves, who made the charges that there was a personal difference between the surgeon in charge and

the inmates who were discharged. We further learned that inmates make charges against the hospital because they are not permitted to do as they please. So far as Dr. Purvis color is concerned and the charge that he is neither white nor black, there is one thing we do know that he is a patron of colored institutions and enterprises and he employs negro counsel, which are more than some of these negroes do who are so black, not only in skin, but in heart. We shall not oppose a man because we personally dislike him nor shall we take sides against one because others do on account of a man's color. Dr. Shadd is the resident physician of the hospital, he is known and liked by the entire community as a man of honest convictions and any attempt to blacken the reputation of this gentleman will be condemned by the citizens. While we admire the "Daily Press" for the interest it takes in the colored people, we are free to say that it has been misinformed and we know that Mr. Fox, is too much of a man to misrepresent an institution on the false representation of a prejudiced class.

THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE.

In another column will be read with interest a few extracts from the speech of Hon John Sherman of Ohio, in reply to the presidents message. Senator Sherman very wisely tells the president what to do with the surplus, which seems to be a very hard thing with the democratic administration to dispose of. The Senator defends our home industries and condemns the pauper labor of Europe. His quotations from Mr. Hales observation will convince the administration that it has no knowledge of government. The speech is well worth reading and we advise all who can to get a copy of it.

The cry of fraud by the defeated party in the emancipation convention on last Wednesday night will not do. When men are honest and keep their pledges there is no doubt that success will crown their efforts. Mr. Carson can only blame his trusted lieutenants for his defeat. They were a little too ambitious themselves for office more so than they were for the election of Mr. Carson as chief marshal for the emancipation celebration. The election was fairly conducted and so far as Mr. Marshall is concerned he allowed every man in opportunity to name and vote for his candidate.

We have secured the services of Mr. Wm. Dulaney as our Alexandria Va., correspondent and it is hoped that the citizens of that place will do all they can to encourage this young man who will report nothing but reliable matter. The BEE may be obtained at his place of business, 504 King sts where all matter for publication concerning the people of that city must be addressed.

DRAMATIC ART.

New York, Feb. 13, 1889.
Mr. Editor:

Please allow me a space in your paper to say that I am a constant reader and read in last week's issue a very interesting and remarkable article of Frank Franklin on Dramatic Art. While I heartily endorse his ideas on the subject, I cannot or will not ask the question "why is it that there are clubs for nearly every conceivable object and for the maintenance of nearly every conceivable art but the dramatic art?" for I know only too well 'tis true we have, individually, no means or channel through which to vent our dramatic ability, but should we organize a colored actors association with the view to prepare (financially) a dramatic company for the road? A company that could demand a world wide recognition. The talent we have beyond a doubt. The world is wide and theatre loving people can be found in every part. There are scores of actors and actresses, scores of dramatic companies on the road and yet not one colored one in the whole world, no, not one. Just think of it, and why? I do not think it is the lack of perseverance but it is the lack of determination to co-operate and work jointly. I have worked in the field of drama for five years with the motive and longing for race elevation. In elevating my-

self I thought to elevate others. I have ambitiously and energetically endeavored to reach the pinnacle of dramatic fame. But alas! I have not gone far beyond recitations, concerts, &c. I have played several plays, "East Lynne" being my principle production, supported by a good company, but never played more than two nights in succession.

I wrote a drama entitled "Branded by the Dead" in 1884; have been from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean in the vain hope of finding a colored company to produce it; having failed I am about to have it produced by a white company. I hope soon to hear of an organization for the purpose of holding up the mirror to nature. It needs but an attempt and crowns of success await.

ELLA B. SPENCER

SOUTH WASHINGTON NEWS

The Baptist ministers conference met on Monday morning last at 10 o'clock with president Robinson in the chair and R. S. Laws secretary. A large number of ministers were present including the Rev. Stardard, a strong opponent to secret societies. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. The Rev. Dr. Fitzhugh of the Press was present and after exchange of pastoral views; collected his items and retired.

The ordination and installation of deacons at the Bethlehem Baptist church on Sunday last, combined with the communion services were fully enjoyed by a crowded house. Six deacons were installed by the hand of fellowship and among them were C. W. Davis at the Interior, and Wm Singleton. The ordination services were conducted by Rev. R. S. Laws and the communion by S. Alexander.

The memorial services of the late Mrs. M. J. B. Lewis and Miss Elizabeth H. Scott, both teachers of the Zion Baptist Sunday school, took place at said church on Sunday last at 3 p. m. and was presided over by Supt. B. J. Heart, with the following order of services: Appropriate singing by the school, scripture reading by the pastor, Wm. J. Howard; invocation by R. Watts; address by the supt. and singing again by the school. Eulogy of Miss Lewis by Miss M. L. Jordan, and eulogy of Miss Scott by Miss Pierce.

The movement for a sanitary improvement of this section of the city is being managed by Dr. S. A. Sumby, who impressed the idea of cleanliness as absolutely necessary for good health. He argued at a great length the danger of those continued pools of stagnant and filthy water around the Randall school. The meeting was held at Wesley church and was largely attended by some of the best citizens in this section. The sentiment of the meeting, however, condemned the unfaithfulness of the colored trustees for permitting these grand discriminations between the colored and white schools as regards their sanitary treatment. The meeting contended that the health of both our teachers and children are impaired and their lives are shortened by methods of these discriminations. The colored people fight more for mixed schools than they do for equal school facilities and protection, because they have mixed school boards but neither equal facilities for the prosecution of studies nor protection by the laws of health.

Mr. Wm. Hunt met with a sad accident on Tuesday last. He was badly burnt about the face while cooking at a boarding house on 4 1/2 and C sts. n. w.

Mrs. Francis Roane, who is threatened with insanity, as reported by her sister in law, oiled some of her clothes and spread them down at the inside of her door which had to be burst open from the outside; then she and her children got in bed and covered up.

The Baptist journalistic university and old folk's home committee met yesterday at 1 o'clock in the pastor's study of the 4th Baptist church. It consisted of Revs. Laws, Howard, Phillips, Johnson, Loving, and Thomas and will continue the work until completed.

Let every Baptist member minister and all other citizens send in their names to the BEE.

A DISTINGUISHED SOUTHERNOR IN TOWN.

WHAT IS THOUGHT OF HIM.

Mr. James J. Sullivan, of the Parish of Ascension, New Orleans, La., is in the city and brings with him the highest recommendations from distinguished men in his state. Mr. Sullivan has held several prominent positions in the state; namely, Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue, Day Inspector and several other important positions. Mr. Sullivan is a man of education and influence in the state of Louisiana. He is the personal friend of Ex Gov. Pinchback, Gen. A. S. Badger, and Col. James Lewis. Below will be read two important certificates:

State of Louisiana,
Parish of Ascension,
February 4th, 1889.

To the chairman and members Inaugural committee Washington, D. C.
Gentlemen;

This is to certify that at a meeting of the Republican Parish Executive Committee of the Parish of Ascension held in the town of Donaldsonville on December 23d, 1888, Mr. James J. Sullivan was unanimously elected to represent the Republicans of this Parish at the inauguration of President-elect Benjamin Harrison and Vice President-elect Levi Morton, to be held March 4th, 1889, and he is also authorized to represent the Republicans of this parish in any and every capacity.

V. C. Contrell,
Chairman rep. parish committee Parish of Ascension.
Attest V. P. Thomas,
Secretary.

New Orleans, La.,
February 7th, 1889.

This is to certify that Hon. James J. Sullivan is a member of the Republican State Executive Committee of the State of Louisiana.
P. J. Herwig,
Secretary State Committee.

Donaldsonville, Par. of Ascension,
State of Louisiana,
February 3d, 1889.

To the representatives of the Republican party, Washington, D. C.
Gentlemen:

The Republicans of the Parish of Ascension rejoice with you in the grand success and triumph of the Grand Old Party, and to testify the same send their most honored and trustworthy fellow parishioner, the

Hon. James Jerry Sullivan to represent them at the inauguration of the President-elect Benjamin Harrison.
March 4th, 1889.

Mr. Sullivan was elected for this purpose by the unanimous consent of the parish committee assembled Dec. 23d 1888, and the republicans of the parish in grand mass meeting assembled on the 3d inst. most heartily endorsed the action of the committee.

With the hope that their faithful friend and representative will be given the proper recognition by representatives of the party from all other portions of the country, they cordially place in his hand this testimonial of the high regard held for him by the mass of Republicans of Ascension.

By order of the Parish Committee, V. C. Contrell president, Victor P. Thomas, Secretary.

IN A FRATERNAL BAND.

FEMALES GAIN ADMISSION IN A PAST GRAND MASTERS COUNCIL.

P. G. M. Council No. 44 celebrated their ninth anniversary at Odd Fellows Hall on 28th st. on Monday evening by inviting ladies to join them in partaking of a well prepared collation. Bros. J. W. Lee, J. W. Walker, J. W. Reed and Arthur Newman having charge of the arrangements. Among those who were present were the following: Madams Ella Lewell, Geo. Jakobs, H. L. Holmes, M. E. Whiting, Arthur Newman, Ida Jones, T. Allen, J. W. Lee, Robert Holmes and Chase, Misses Katie Brice and Pryer. J. W. Lee, chairman introduced Bro. H. L. Holmes who briefly sketched the origin of the Council, and paid a glowing tribute to its worth and dignity, the chairman then introduced Bro. B. C. Whiting who complimented the Council for inviting him to be present, among many things he said in as much as the ladies present were members of the royal family, and especially those who were wives for they would at some time receive the royal title and dignity of the past grand masters council. The chairman then introduced Bros. Jones, Allen Reed and Wal-

ker who made brief remarks. The ceremonies then ended after three hours of social chat, all well pleased and wishing to continue the blessing and health of life in order that they would have another chance to return in the future.

PROGRAMME OF THE NATIONAL PRESS ASSOCIATION TO BE HELD IN THE METROPOLITAN CHURCH WASHINGTON, D. C., MARCH 5-7.

TUESDAY.

MORNING.

11 A. M., Opening Exercises.
Address of Welcome, Hon. J. M. Langston.
Response P. H. Murray, St. Louis "Advance"
Appointment Committee on enrollment.
Short Addresses.
Report of Committee on Enrollment.
President's Address.
Election of Officers.

AFTERNOON,

3 P. M., Opening Exercises.
Installation of Officers.
Paper, "The Colored News Bureau," J. Q. Adams, "Western Appeal."
Discussion.
Paper, "Representative Negroes," Magnus L. Robinson, "National Leader."
Business meeting.
Adjournment.

EVENING.

7:30 P. M., Opening Exercises.
Report of Special Committee on "The Religious, Educational, Political, Social and Industrial Condition of the Colored People of the South," John Mitchell, "The Planet," Chairman.
Discussion.
Adjournment.

WEDNESDAY.

MORNING.

10 A. M., Opening Exercises.
Paper, "How to make Colored Newspapers pay as Business Enterprises," R. Pelham, Jr., "Plain-deal."
Discussion.
Paper, "Has Negro Leadership been a Failure?" W. Calvin Chase, The BEE.
Discussion.
Business Meeting.
Adjournment.

AFTERNOON.

3 P. M., Opening Exercises.
Paper, "Industrial Education," C. J. Perry, "Philadelphia Tribune."
Discussion.
Paper, "The Best Methods of making our People a Reading People," R. E. Wright, "The Sentinel."
Discussion.
Adjournment.

EVENING.

7:30 P. M., Opening Exercises.
Paper, "The Power of the Press," Hon. J. C. Daney, "The Star of Zion."
Discussion.
Paper, "The New and Old South," Hon. J. Willis Menard, "The Southern Leader."
Discussion.

Paper, "The Claims of the Negro upon existing Political Parties," L. E. Christy, "Indianapolis World."
Discussion.
Adjournment.

THURSDAY.

MORNING.

10 A. M., Opening Exercises.
Paper, Religious, Rev. R. S. Laws, The BEE.
Discussion.
Paper, "What has the Negro to do with the Tariff," John Durham, "Philadelphia Tribune."
Discussion.
Report of the Historian.
Adjournment.

AFTERNOON.

3 P. M., Opening Exercises.
Paper, "Journalism and Journalistic Ethics," H. C. Smith, "Cleveland Gazette."
Discussion.
Papers, "Women in Journalism," "The Past," Mrs. A. N. McEwin, "Baptist Leader;" "The Future," Miss Julia W. Mason, "Our Women and Children."
Discussion.
Adjournment.

EVENING.

7:30 P. M., Opening Exercises.
Symposium.
Subjects and speakers to be selected by the Association.
The subjects assigned are open to any member of the Association for discussion, those appointed are simply to lead in the discussion and time is allowed for others to participate.
Papers are requested to give space to the program and to aid the committee in securing a full attendance.
Done by order of the Executive Committee. WM. H. STEWARD, Chairman.
Louisville, Ky.

HOW IT WORKED.

"Good morning, Jack! why I haven't seen you for a month past. What in the world is the matter with you? You seem to have renewed your youth."
"Well, Phil, I have. Don't you remember the last time I saw you, how miserable I was? Sick and blue, and in that sort of mood a man gets sometimes when he feels the most noble thing in life is to go straight to the devil."

"Not so bad as that, I hope; at all events you didn't go that way, you are looking far to happy and hearty."

"Thank goodness, no! or, rather, thank Vinegar Bitters. Do you, remember that day I saw you last, when you recommended that remedy to me so persistently, and I was first vexed and then half convinced?"

"I remember it perfectly, and you needn't say another word upon the subject; your looks tell me that you took the medicine."

"No doubt of it; everybody remarks upon my improved looks and temper; but I must really tell you all about it. I got the old style, as you recommended, and didn't mind the bitter taste at all, I finished the bottle in about two weeks, and was greatly improved, so much so that I determined to change off and try the new style."

"Well, how did you like it?"
"You told me your wife preferred the new style, I believe; well, I must say I agree with her. I like the old style very much, but the new is a finer, smoother more expensive preparation."

"I believe it is; in fact, I have heard so, and I wonder the McDonald Drug Company sell it for the same price they do the old style, because it is really a very costly preparation."

"Well, that doesn't concern us. Who was it said that people fancied themselves pious sometimes when they were only bilious? No matter! I was only going to say that I believe people often seem wicker when it is only their liver, or their stomach, or some other cantankerous organ of the body so out of order they couldn't be good if they tried."

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